

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE SERVICE

WEEK ENDING June 25, 2004

NO. 4A

CODE ENFORCEMENT

H-8607 LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION (SanBento & Others) This act would delay the implementation of the Lead Hazard Mitigation Act until July 1, 2005. Finance

H-8613 LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION (Picard & Others) This resolution would create an 8-member special legislative commission whose purpose it would be to study the Lead Hazard Mitigation Law set to take effect on July 1, 2004, to make a comprehensive examination of the existing law to determine if it is overly burdensome on homeowners, and to identify and develop more effective and less intrusive/burdensome alternatives. Corporations

H-8614 LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION (Picard & Others) This act would delay the implementation of the Lead Hazard Mitigation Act until July 1, 2005. Corporations

H-8615 LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION (Lewiss & Others) This act would delay the implementation of the Lead Hazard Mitigation Act until July 1, 2005. Corporations

H-8617 LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION (Trillo & Others) This act would limit the potential fine for violation of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act to not more than \$5,000, and would implement a training program for landlords and tenants. Corporations

H-8631 LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION (Amaral & Others) This act would delay the implementation of the Lead Hazard Mitigation Act until July 1, 2005. Corporations

S-3199 LEAD PAINT POISONING, PREVENTION AND ABATEMENT (Montalbano & Others) This resolution would create a 15-member special legislative commission, which purpose it would be to study all issues relating to lead paint poisoning, prevention and abatement. Constitutional & Gaming Issues

EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS

H-8665 DRIVER EDUCATION (Anguilla & Others) This act would place driver education course requirements under the Board of Governors for Higher Education instead of the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education. H.E.W.

S-3168 STUDENT VISION EXAMINATIONS (Issa) This act would require the Department of Education to establish a school vision-testing program. Health & Human Services

ENVIRONMENT

H-8512 WATER DISTRIBUTION PIPING (Ginaitt & Others) This act would allow water users to tie sprinkler systems or heads into water distribution piping in existing structures. Environment & Natural Resources

H-8640 WATERSHED-BASED MANAGEMENT (Ginaitt & Others) This act would establish a marine resources development plan to protect and develop the coastal waterways of Rhode Island. Environment & Natural Resources

H-8641 WATERSHED AND MARINE MONITORING (Naughton & Others) This act would create the Comprehensive Watershed and Marine Monitoring Act of 2004. Environment & Natural Resources

H-8642 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT (Naughton & Others) This act would authorize the Director of the Department of Environmental Management to coordinate various governmental agencies and private organizations to insure that watershed management and preservation are optimized. It would also make the Rhode Island Rivers Council an arm of the Water Resources Board instead of the Department of Administration, Division of Planning. Environment & Natural Resources

S-3113 BAYS, RIVERS, AND WATERSHEDS (McCaffrey & Others) This act would establish the Rhode Island Bays, Rivers, and Watersheds Coordination Team to provide interagency coordination in the management, restoration, protection, and sustainable economic development of the state's bays, rivers, and watersheds. Environment & Agriculture

S-3201 WATER POLLUTION (Sosnowski) This act would provide for a certification of sewage holding tanks, and would prohibit sewage discharge from boats. Environment & Agriculture

FINANCE AND TAXATION

H-8452 Sub A

As Amended TAX CLASSIFICATION (Williamson & Others) This act would allow municipalities to adopt a tax rate for the property class for all ratable tangible personal property no greater than 50% of the rate applicable to any other class in the year following a revaluation or statistical revaluation or update provided that the municipality receives approval from the Office of Municipal Affairs. Read & Passed

H-8509 SCHOOL AID (Menard & Others) This act would incorporate and codify recommendations from the Rhode Island Department of Education to provide for the financing of school capital projects by capital lease agreements. Finance

H-8635 WHOLESALE AND RETAIL INVENTORY TAX (Flaherty & Gemma) This act would freeze the inventory tax phase-out at the fiscal year 2004 level. Finance

H-8636 HOTEL TAX (Slater & Others) This act would create the Rhode Island Tourism Development Corporation which shall coordinate the expenditure of funds generated through the state hotel tax. This act would also direct a portion of the hotel tax to the Corporation for use in statewide tourism promotion efforts, and would place all tax collection responsibility with the Division of Taxation. Finance

S-3131 SCHOOL AID (Connors & Badeau) This act would incorporate and codify recommendations from the Rhode Island Department of Education to provide for the financing of school capital projects by capital lease agreements. Finance

S-3179 TAX CREDITS: MFAR ZONES (Lenihan) This act would establish a military facility redevelopment zone tax credit to encourage the development of jobs on former military facility properties, and in business parks which contain a majority of military or defense industry related businesses. Finance

S-3182 EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Gallo & Sosnowski) This act would create the "Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act", and would create a joint legislative committee to establish a permanent education foundation aid formula for the state. Finance

S-3224 STATE AID TO LIBRARIES (Revens) This act would permit public libraries, which do not otherwise qualify for the state's share to support local public library services, to apply directly to the Office of Library and Information Services for resource sharing grants. Such grants would be used exclusively for payment of the cooperating libraries automated network (CLAN) annual assessment charges. Recommended for Immediate Consideration

S-3228 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL FINANCIAL DEPARTMENTS (Connors & Others) This resolution would create a 9-member special Senate commission which purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of methods to consolidate the 39 cities' and towns' municipal and school financial departments into the existing municipal financial departments, and which would report back to the Senate no later than June 15, 2005, and which life would expire on August 15, 2005. Recommended for Immediate Consideration

LIQUOR CONTROL AND LICENSES

H-8668 SUNDAY BUSINESS – FURNITURE STORES (Kennedy) This act would permit furniture stores to open one hour earlier, at 11:00 a.m., on Sundays and holidays. Corporations

H-8700 CLASS D LIQUOR LICENSE (Kilmartin) This act would permit municipalities to charge less for a Class D license for a veterans' hall with a capacity of not more than 100 persons. Read & Passed

PLANNING & ZONING

H-8574 STATEWIDE PLANNING PROGRAM (Kennedy & Others) This act would make various amendments relating to the implementation of a statewide plan to provide safe and affordable housing to low and moderate income families, the elderly, and workers and their families. Corporations

S-3064 ZONING NOTICE (Polisena & Damiani) This act would require zoning ordinance adoptions, amendments or applications be sent to condominium unit owners' associations, if a condominium is located within a two hundred feet (200') perimeter of the area under zoning review, rather than each individual unit condominium owner. Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government

S-3148 STATEWIDE PLANNING PROGRAM (Tassoni & Others) This act would make various amendments relating to the implementation of a statewide plan to provide safe and affordable housing to low and moderate income families, the elderly, and workers and their families. Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government

S-3149 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Sosnowski) This act would require the state to make housing stock determinations for affordable housing based upon United States Census' determination of number of units less recreational units. Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government

PUBLIC SAFETY: POLICE AND FIRE

H-8608 TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS (Menard) This act would establish use of traffic control monitoring systems on state and local highways and be known as the “Rhode Island Red Light Running Act of 2004”. Judiciary

H-8634 UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLES (Brien & Others) This act would require notice by motor vehicle insurance carriers to the registry prior to the cancellation of motor vehicle insurance. It would also require uninsured vehicles be towed from the scene of a motor vehicle stop, and impounded. Judiciary

H-8663 RACIAL PROFILING (Almeida & Others) This act would place a ban on racial profiling in traffic stops by state and municipal law enforcement agencies, and would set up a system requiring law enforcement agencies to collect data and complete regular reports of findings and statistics regarding traffic stops. Judiciary

H-8664 TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS (Slater & Others) This act would establish use of traffic control monitoring systems on state and local highways, and be known as the “Providence Rhode Island Red Light Running Act of 2004”. Judiciary

H-8705 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS (Long & Others) This resolution would create an 11-member special House commission which purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters, and to make recommendations related thereto, and would report back to the House of Representatives no later than June 15, 2005, and which life would expire on August 15, 2005. Read & Passed

S-3074 TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS (Blais & Others) This act would fund comprehensive in-state services for individuals with traumatic brain injury by assessing a mandatory additional penalty of an \$10 for all speeding violations, and would increase the membership of the Permanent Advisory Commission on Traumatic Brain Injuries. Finance

RETIREMENT

H-8600 POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Kilmartin) This resolution would create a 13-member special legislative commission whose purpose it would be to study the impact of the Government Accounting Standards Board’s rules and regulations regarding Other Post Employment Benefits. Corporations

MISCELLANEOUS

H-8481 MILL BUILDING AND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION (Aubin & Lowe) This act would extend the provisions of the Mill Building and Economic Revitalization Act to August 8, 2009. Placed on House Calendar

S-3089 MILL BUILDING AND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION (Fogarty & Algieri) This act would reenact the Mill Building and Economic Revitalization Act which terminated by statute on August 8, 2003, and would further retroactively apply the provisions of the act to the date of expiration.
Finance